

MINUTES

OF THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

Pocatalico Old School or Particular Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

THE FRIENDSHIP CHURCH,

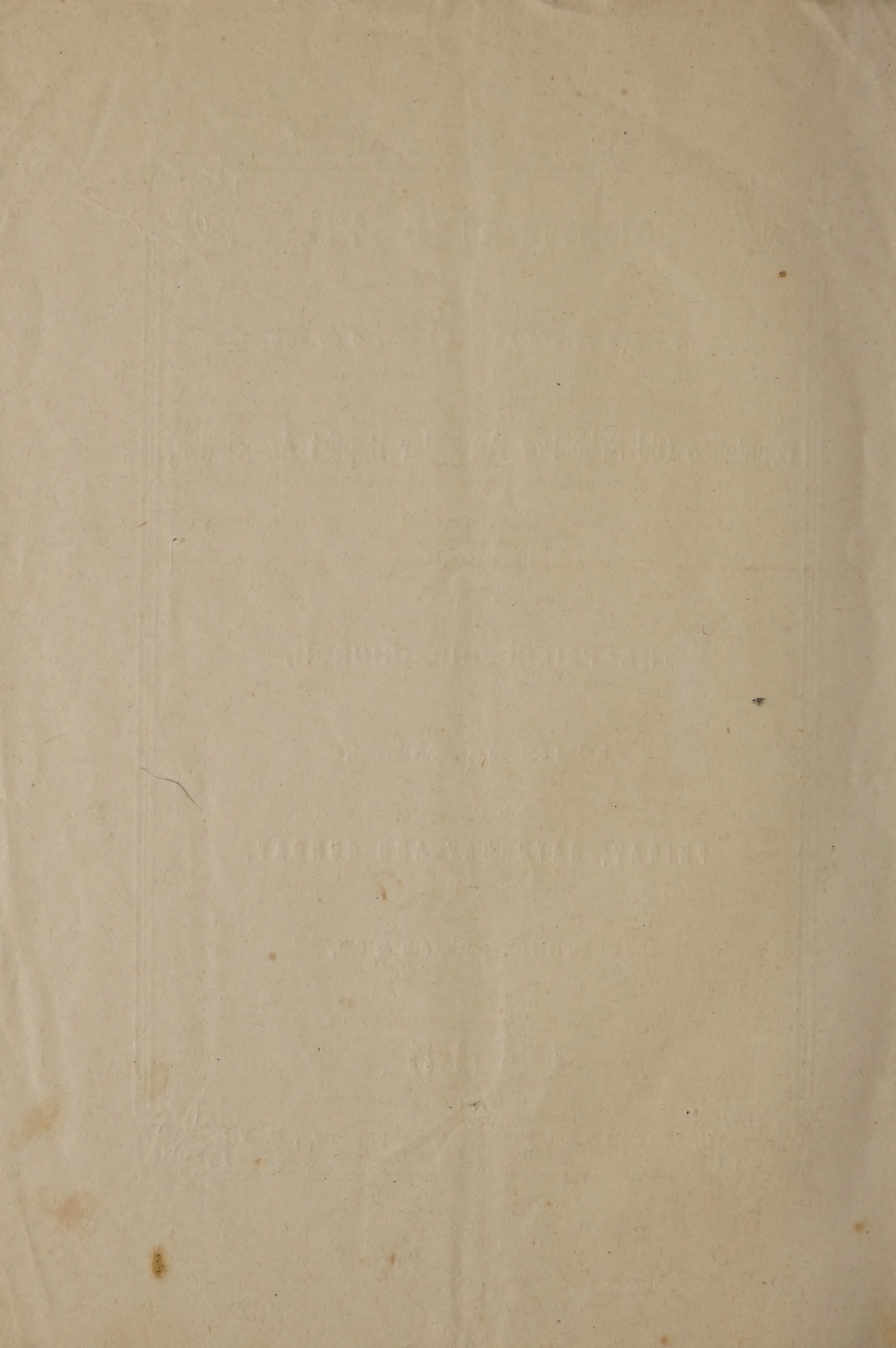
ROANE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA,

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 4th, 5th & 6th,

1885.

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MINUTES.

FRIDAY, Sept. 4, 1885.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock a. m.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Jehu Byrnside, from Isaiah vi. 13.

The messengers from the several churches then repaired to the house, and after prayer by Elder Lane, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator.

1. The letters were read as they were presented, and the messengers' names enrolled as they appear in the following table:

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Sunday meet'g	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Restored	Rec'd by letter	Baptized	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Died	Members	Contributions
1st District.											
Little Flock...	N. Greenlee	2								7	
Liberty	Wm. A. Melton	2	R. Young, C. H. Casdorph.....							23	\$2 35
Hopewell	Wm. A. Melton	1	Wm. A. Melton, E. J. McClanahan, J. M. Goff.....							25	5 30
Enon	N. Greenlee	3	N. Greenlee, Wootson Melton, C. Beard.....							19	1 50
Zoar	Wm. A. Melton	4							1	13	4 20
Elium	Wm. A. Melton	3	M. L. Fletcher, C. E. Duff, J. Hammon			2	2		2	23	3 50
2d District.											
Providence ...	S. Smith	4	J. Byrnside, A. Eggleton, A. E. Smith		5	5	1	1	4	92	3 70
Salem	A. Adkins	2	A. Adkins					5		35	50
Olivet	A. Adkins	3								10	
Low Gap.....	Jehu Byrnside	3	By letter							26	75
Mt. Zion	J. H. Terry	4	John H. Terry		2	1				18	50
Sarah	S. Smith	1		1		1				30	
Four Mile	A. Adkins	3	A. Miller, J. M. Harles, L. L. Harrison	2		6				32	1 50
3d District.											
Friendship ...	Wm. Smith	3	Wm. Smith, J. H. Moss, T. L. Moss			9				25	1 00
West Fork....	Wm. Smith	2	A. W. Lane, Wm. Mathena ..					1	1	43	50
Elk Two Mile..	R. Young	3	R. C. Beazley				3		1	11	1 50
Light of Zion..	J. Smith	1	H. Gross, M. Moore		3	21		2		39	80
Sulphur Spring	C. Blankenship	2	B. E. Johnson, W. T. Harris..			11				32	1 00
Spring Creek..	C. Blankenship	4	Luke Graham							26	1 00

2. The Association organized for the present session by choosing Elder Wm. A. Melton Moderator, and Jehu Byrnside Clerk.

3. Committees were appointed as follows:

On arrangements—M. L. Fletcher, C. E. Duff and John Goff, with the Moderator and Clerk. Correspondents invited to council.

On finance—C. H. Casdorff, A. Eggleton and A. E. Smith.

On preaching—The messengers of Friendship Church.

4. Called on correspondents to sister Associations to report.

Elder A. W. Lane reports that he attended the Indian Creek and met a warm reception, and peace and fellowship seemed to prevail among the brethren.

Elder Wootson Melton reports that he attended the Muskingum and met a like reception.

A. J. Adkins reports that owing to sickness he was prevented from attending the Burning Spring District, and was excused.

5. Correspondence from sister Associations called for and responded to as follows:

Indian Creek—By Elder Wm. C. Dobbins and Minutes.

Muskingum—Not heard from.

Burning Spring—Not heard from.

6. Churches wishing to become members of this body were called for, and a church called Spring Creek, situated in Greenbrier County, W. Va., presented a letter and messenger, requesting to become a member of this Association. The request was granted, and the messenger was invited to a seat in this body.

7. Called for the Circular Letter, which was presented by Elder Wootson Melton. Letter read and received, and ordered to be made a part of these Minutes.

8. The Corresponding Letter was presented by N. Greenlee, and was read and received, and ordered to be made a part of these Minutes.

9. The committee on preaching reported the following ministers to occupy the stand:

Saturday—N. Greenlee, Wm. C. Dobbins, Wm. Collins and Conley Blankenship.

Sunday—Wm. A. Melton, Wm. C. Dobbins, R. Young and C. Blankenship.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Sept. 5, 1885.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Wm. C. Dobbins.

1. Called the roll.

2. On motion, the committee of arrangements presented a satisfactory report, and was discharged.

3. Union Meetings were appointed as follows:

With the Elk Two Mile Church, at her October meeting, attended by Elders R. Young and Wm. A. Melton.

With the Friendship Church, at her June meeting, attended by Elders Samuel Smith and R. Young.

With the Light of Zion Church, at her June meeting, attended by Elders Samuel Smith and R. Young.

With the Enon Church, at her May meeting, attended by Jehu Byrnside and Wm. A. Melton.

With the West Fork Church, at her August meeting, attended by Wm. A. Melton and Samuel Smith.

With the Providence Church, at her November meeting, attended by Elders Wootson Melton and Wm. A. Melton.

4. Resolved that we have our Confession of Faith and Rules of Order printed next year in place of a Circular Letter.

5. Appointed Wm. A. Melton to prepare our Corresponding Letter for next year.

6. Appointed correspondence to sister Associations as follows:

Indian Creek—Jehu Byrnside.

Muskingum—Elder Wm. A. Melton.

Burning Spring—Elder Andrew Adkins.

7. Resolved that we redistrict our Association, as proposed by Jehu Byrnside, and as appears in the annexed table.

8. Resolved that our next annual meeting be held with the Providence Church, near Byrnside, Putnam Co., W. Va., to convene on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., and that Wm. A. Melton preach the introductory sermon, and Wootson Melton his alternate.

9. Resolved that we have 600 copies of our Minutes printed, and that Jehu Byrnside superintend the same.

10. Called for the report of the committee on finance, which report was satisfactory, and the committee discharged.

Contributions from the churches.....	\$29 60
Amount returned by A. Adkins.....	3 90
Amount returned by Clerk.....	6 25
	\$39 75

Allowed for printing Minutes.....	\$18 00
Paid Clerk for services.....	5 00
Correspondent to Indian Creek.....	5 00
Correspondent to Muskingum.....	10 00
Correspondent to Burning Spring.....	1 75
Amount left in the hands of A. W. Lane, \$5 50.	\$39 75

11. We tender our thanks to the church and the surrounding community for their kindness to us during our session.

Adjourned to the time and place above named.

WILLIAM A. MELTON, Moderator.

JEHU BYRNSIDE, Clerk.

NAMES AND P. O. ADDRESS OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Wm. A. Melton, Poca, Putnam Co., W. Va.
 Andrew Adkins, Adkinsville, Wayne Co., W. Va.
 Neelee Greenlee, Arbuckle, Mason Co., W. Va.
 Jehu Byrnside (Clerk), Byrnside, Putnam Co., W. Va.
 Wootson Melton, Upland, Mason Co., W. Va.
 James Mullins, Boone C. H., W. Va.
 Robert Young, Kanawha C. H., W. Va.
 John C. Hubbard, Red Sulphur Springs, Monroe Co., W. Va.
 Samuel Smith, Byrnside, Putnam Co., W. Va.
 Joseph Carrell, Harrisonville, Fulton Co., Pa.
 George D. Burley, Hopewell, Muskingum Co., Ohio.
 A. W. Lane, Manora, Calhoun Co., W. Va.
 A. N. Beard, Arbuckle, Mason Co., W. Va.
 Conley Blankenship, Belfont, Braxton Co., W. Va.
 John H. Terry, Lake, Logan Co., W. Va.
 Hammon R. Moon, Queen Shoals, Kanawha Co., W. Va.
 Marian Moon, Queen Shoals, Kanawha Co., W. Va.
 Wm. Smith, Newton, Roane Co., W. Va.
 Thomas L. Moss, Newton, Roane Co., W. Va.

LICENTIATES.

George Miller, Boone C. H., W. Va.
 James Ball, Logan C. H., W. Va.
 J. Workman, Green Shoal, Lincoln Co., W. Va.
 Benjamin Johnson, Braxton C. H., W. Va.
 C. P. Jackson, Braxton C. H., W. Va.
 David Hicks, Manora, Calhoun Co., W. Va.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Regular Baptist Association called Pocatalico sendeth greeting to the associations with whom she corresponds.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—
 We feel thankful to the God of all grace that we are spared through another year, and that we have been permitted to meet again in an asso-

ciation. We have been comforted by the counsel of your messengers and ministering brethren, and do earnestly hope that our love and fellowship may continue. We desire that you continue your correspondence with us. Farewell.

WM. A. MELTON, Mod.

JEHU BYRNSIDE, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

(Written by Elder Wootson Welton.)

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN IN CHRIST JESUS:—As it has been a custom of long standing to have a Circular Letter accompanying our Minutes, and as I was appointed by the Association last year to write one, I present you with the following:

“And thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.”—Matt. i. 21. The mission of Jesus into this world is expressed by his name. We will first notice some things in connection with his people. When were they his? We answer, From eternity. He is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. He tells us that he was ever with the Father, and his delights were with the sons of men. What has he done for his people? He has saved them; not saved them in, but from their sins, as the text declares. When did he save them? When they repented? No. He saved them when he gave his life a ransom for them; and it only remains for that blood to be applied to them, in order to their knowledge of eternal life: as he says, “I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” This application of

the blood to them is here in time, when they are quickened into divine life by the Spirit. They are quickened from dead works, to serve the true and living God. A living principle, called faith, is implanted within them, which is said to be the gift of God, of which Jesus is the author and finisher. This principle produces a godly sorrow, which worketh repentance, not to be repented of. We find that they were created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that they should walk in them. These works are the fruit of faith which is from God, and not faith as a fruit of the works of the creature. Well has the apostle said, “By Grace ye are saved, through faith.” Faith is the medium through which this salvation reaches the creature and saves them from their sins. This is a salvation wrought out by and complete in Jesus, and is applied to his people in his own appointed way, as demonstrated in the gospel.

Dear brethren, we have only glanced at the subject under consideration. Farewell.

WM. A. MELTON, Mod.

JEHU BYRNSIDE, Clerk.

